



CHAT WITH THE CHAIR

MARCH 2013

Dear Friends,

March brings the start of spring, and the change in season brings many changes to our community. This month we see the opening of a new senior housing development, welcome the insight of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, and continue the process of reforming OUR County government. I hope to see you at one of the many events happening in our neighborhood this month!

I invite you to [watch our meetings online here](#).

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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

SOUTH SHORE BEACH RELOCATION STUDY PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

PLEASE JOIN US:
South Shore Park Pavilion
2900 S. Shore Drive
Wednesday, March 20th
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
(Doors Open 5:30 p.m.)

The Milwaukee County Parks, County Board Chairwoman and District #4 Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, and Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Service Section are hosting a public meeting to present the findings of the South Shore Beach Relocation Study. All are welcome to attend to hear the results of the study and offer comment.



PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

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OUR Milwaukee County Reform Plan

County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic and Supervisors announced the launch of **“OUR Milwaukee County,”** a local government reform initiative, at the MLK Community Center, located at 1531 W. Vliet St., in Milwaukee.

The word **“OUR”** of OUR Milwaukee County stands for **“Outreach for Unified Reform.”** The goals are to discuss reform of Milwaukee County government and to create dialogue and listening sessions, inviting everyone whose daily lives are touched by Milwaukee County government.

“We are delivering on the promise of government reform discussion that is local and inclusive,” said Chairwoman Dimitrijevic. **“We are eager to listen to our constituents – people who live throughout Milwaukee County – to hear their ideas for efficiency and effectiveness. It’s time to think big.”**

The initiative, which proposes a consistent agenda designed to spark discussion and debate, is set to include a series of town hall meetings in all 18 Supervisory districts throughout the months of February and March as well as a nighttime public hearing in March.

The areas for discussion as outlined in the proposed agenda include: County Governance, Services Consolidation, Funding Sources and Mental Health.

In sharp contrast to the reform plans floated to-date by a select few, the OUR Milwaukee initiative will involve the active participation of local, community partners, such as religious groups, business leaders, members of African-American and Hispanic organizations, health care advocates and others.

“I’m proud that District 10 is hosting the kick-off of the OUR Milwaukee County initiative to illustrate the importance of having public discussions with the diverse people of Milwaukee County in their own neighborhoods – not behind closed doors and not in Madison,” said Supervisor David Bowen.

“This initiative also focuses on evidence-based public discussion, not arbitrary numbers.” Additionally, a key element of the initiative is the request and receipt of an independent audit of county governance overall; the

scope of the independent review will be monitored by the office of the elected Milwaukee County Comptroller to ensure the use of independent auditing standards.

To learn more of the plan, please click [here](#) to see an outline.

SEVERAL “OUR MILWAUKEE COUNTY” LISTENING SESSIONS SET

Proposed Agenda to Focus on Countywide Governance, Consolidated Services, Transit, Parks & Cultural Attractions Funding and Mental Health

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce the first round of listening sessions of the **“OUR Milwaukee County”** government reform discussion.

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Listening sessions currently scheduled include:

Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m.
Wilson Park Senior Center, Main Hall, 2601 W. Howard, Ave., Milwaukee
Supervisor Jason Haas

Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Wauwatosa Public Library, Firefly Room, 7635 W. North Ave., Wauwatosa
Supervisor James “Luigi” Schmitt

Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m.
North Shore Library, 6800 N. Port Washington Rd., Glendale
Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb, Sr.

Tuesday March 19 at 6:30 p.m.
Evangel Assembly of God, Chapel area, 9920 W. Good Hope Rd., Milwaukee
Supervisor Deanna Alexander

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County Board Welcomes MMAC

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is pleased to welcome the president of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce (MMAC) to a meeting of the Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

MMAC President Tim Sheehy is set to share a presentation titled **“Building a Partnership for Economic Prosperity.”** **“Job creation is a priority for the people of Wisconsin, and Milwaukee County is an economic engine,”** said **Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic.** **“We are eager to hear from Mr. Sheehy and to discover ways for the Board to engage effectively with the business community to foster job growth, a strong workforce and a robust economic environment.”**

At this special meeting, the Board will also hear about two of the ideas that County Executive Chris Abele laid-out in his State of the County address: the future delivery of mental health services and the use of Milwaukee County-owned buildings.

Maria Linden Development Complete



Chairwoman Dimitrijevic and Sister Risterer at the blessing for the Maria Linden Senior Housing development. For more information about the completed development, click [here](#).

Person of the Year



Supervisor Haas and Chairwoman Dimitrijevic at the Inter-Organizational Council of Bay View's 98th Annual Washington Birthday Banquet. Chairwoman Dimitrijevic was recognized as Bay View Person of the Year.



Chairwoman Dimitrijevic and her family at the Inter-Organizational Council of Bay View's 98th Annual Washington Birthday Banquet.

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City of Milwaukee Landlord Training

The award winning landlord training program operates out of the City of Milwaukee Department of Neighborhood Service's downtown office. The goal is to teach landlords fundamental ways to keep illegal activity out of their property. This program was a runner up for the Ford Foundation Harvard Kennedy School of Government Awards program and a 1996 winner of the Innovations In Government award sponsored by the City of Milwaukee Mayor and Common Council.

The classes are FREE and held on a regular basis throughout the year at various locations. They are held on evenings and weekends to accommodate virtually anyone's schedule. The classes are generally either (1) five hour session in one day or (2) two and a half hour sessions for two nights. Attendees get a free 100 page comprehensive manual and handouts on a variety of legal and business issues related to managing a property.

For more information visit the website at:

city.milwaukee.gov/Landlordtraining

Bay View Winter Blast



Above: Senator Larson, Director Holman, Chairwoman Dimitrijevic and Supervisor Haas at the 2013 Bay View Winter Blast

I-94 East-West Corridor Study

Layton Boulevard West Neighbors (LBWN) is hosting a neighborhood meeting regarding the I-94 East-West Corridor study. The meeting will be on March 13, from 6-7:30pm at Ascension Lutheran Church.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is currently initiating an environmental and engineering analysis of the I-94 East-West Freeway Corridor. The project will cover approximately 2.85 miles of I-94 between 70th Street and 25th Street in Milwaukee County. The project includes one system interchange (US 41/WIS 341/Miller Parkway) and five service interchanges (70th Street/68th Street, Hawley Road, Mitchell Boulevard, 35th Street, and 26th Street/St. Paul Avenue.

This portion of the I-94 East-West Freeway corridor opened to traffic in 1961 and 1962. It is the link between the Marquette Interchange and Zoo Interchange. It plays a key role in moving commuters, tourists, freight and other movements to major sites around and beyond the Southeast region of the state.

WisDOT has maintained and rehabilitated the ramps, bridges, pavements and other structures a number of times over the past 50 years, but the corridor is nearing the end of its useful life. Now is the time to take the next steps to determine how the corridor should be rebuilt to ensure that it serves the economy of Southeastern Wisconsin for decades to come.

Traffic from around the region, state and nation passes through this corridor, and there are many major institutions and tourist attractions that are in close proximity, including:

- Veterans Administration complex
- Miller Park
- MillerCoors brewery
- Menomonee Valley businesses

The study started 2012 and scheduled to be completed in 2014.

For more information, [click here](#).

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War Memorial, Art Museum Agree

Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic and Supervisor Gerry Broderick, Chair of Parks, Energy and Environment Committee of the Milwaukee County Board, are pleased to announce that groups negotiating on behalf of the Milwaukee Art Museum (MAM) and the Milwaukee County War Memorial (WMC) have reached a consensus.

The Milwaukee County Board requested that negotiations begin after the Milwaukee Art Museum agreed to pay 60 percent of a \$25 million plan for renovation and improvements and committed to the full management of the structure. Milwaukee County has agreed to pay \$10 million toward the project.

“Acting in the best interest of Milwaukee County stakeholders, the Board stepped in to resolve the impasse in negotiations between the Art Museum and War Memorial Center by appointing Justice Janine Geske as **mediator,” said Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic. “We are grateful to Justice Geske and to the negotiating teams for their extraordinary and efficient work.”**

It took only about one month’s time for the Milwaukee Art Museum and veterans’ communities to reach agreement under the able guidance of Justice Geske, with support from Marquette University Law School Professor Andrea Schneider.

“These mediation efforts by the former interim Milwaukee County Executive are a benefit to the community at large, as they preserve our beloved cultural institutions and value the voice of veterans,” said Supervisor Broderick. “We thank everyone for coming to the table.”

The deal must be approved by the boards of the Museum and War Memorial as well as the County Board and County Executive Chris Abele

New Youth Organization in Silver City

On Tuesday, January 15th a new youth serving organization began operations at Ascension Lutheran Church, 1236 S. Layton Blvd. The Epic Center Community Organization (ECCO) was formed in 2012 by Mike Sengyothinh, an experienced youth worker who had grown up in the Silver City neighborhood. Mike's passion has always been working with youth and he sees ECCO as a vehicle for giving youth in the neighborhood positive outlets and influences in a structured and safe environment.

ECCO is beginning programming with basketball leagues and clinics, breakdancing classes, tutoring and homework help on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays starting this winter. ECCO will also be organizing adult basketball leagues on Saturdays. If you and your children are interested in participating in ECCO activities contact Mike at 414-517-5418. You can see a list of programs and times at this link. They hope to expand program offerings as the organization grows and gains more support. At the moment ECCO is staffed completely by volunteers, although they are looking for the support to hire paid staff and expand programming.

ECCO is a direct response to the Quality of Life Plans that were created for the Layton Boulevard West and Clarke Square neighborhoods as part of the Zilber Neighborhood Initiative. The Layton Boulevard West planning process in particular identified a lack of out-of-school activities for youth in the Silver City, Burnham Park, and Layton Park neighborhoods. In Clarke Square there are several excellent youth serving organizations, but the density of residents under the age of 18 is so high that there is demand for additional youth serving programs. ECCO hopes to compliment the youth service and program offerings already operating in the area and is working closely with Layton Boulevard West Neighbors, the Clarke Square Initiative, and Ascension Lutheran Church.

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New Bay View Dog Park Proposed

In January, Alderman Tony Zielinski presented a proposal to create a new dog park in our district. Here is some information about the proposed park:

- The space is approximately 3/4 of an acre in size, located near Bay Street and Lincoln Avenue
- There is no current projected exact timeline for the project; shall be confirmed when a dedicated funding source is secured/identified
- The space would always remain the property of the City of Milwaukee
- The space will be fenced in; an unknown funding source will provide the fencing
- The City of Milwaukee will be responsible for all maintenance (turf, seeding, plowing, clean-up etc.)
- Milwaukee County would handle the permitting for the park, and collect all permitting revenues
- Milwaukee County Park Rangers will patrol the park
- The park will bear Milwaukee County Parks signage, but will also display some marker indicating that it belongs to the City of Milwaukee
- This project is advocated by ROMP (Residents for Off-leash Milwaukee Parks) and Tony Zielinski

BVNA Annual Meeting

The BVNA Annual Meeting is where you can get a recap of the association's accomplishments in 2012, see where your sponsorship and membership dues were spent, and vote for new board members. Exercise your rights as a BVNA member and come and vote, as only BVNA members can vote. However, everyone is welcome to attend -- no need to be a member.

When: Thursday, March 7th at 6:30pm-8:00pm

Where: Mercy Hill inside Hide House

Name That Park

Just east of Miller Park, beneath the 35th and 27th Street Viaducts, a former railroad yard is being transformed into a 24-acre park. The effort is part of a partnership among the State of Wisconsin, City of Milwaukee, Menomonee Valley Partners, and the Urban Ecology Center.

The park has a little bit of everything. Serving as the new **"outdoor classroom" for the Urban Ecology Center's** Menomonee Valley Branch, the public park will include 24 acres of native vegetation, re-created glacial topography offering great vistas of the city, wildlife habitat, access to the Menomonee River for canoeing and fishing, a mile extension of the Hank Aaron State Trail (connecting the Valley to Mitchell Park and the Domes), community gardens, and public art.

The only thing missing is a name. So the partners are **asking the community to submit their suggestions. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said John Gurda,** Milwaukee historian and a selection committee member. **"Lots of people name their babies, but who gets to name an entire park?"** People should submit their suggestions at RenewTheValley.org through Friday, March 22.



Save the Date

St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Shamrock Club of Wisconsin's 47th Annual St Patrick's Day Parade will take place on March 9th, 2013, stepping off at noon at 3rd and Wisconsin and finishing at Water and Highland. Join us for one of the best St Patrick's Day Parades in the country and the grandest parade in Wisconsin. The Parade will feature more than 140 units and includes local politicians and celebrities, floats, bagpipe and marching bands and Irish and Celtic organizations. **On St. Patrick's Day, everyone is Irish! The 47th Annual Parade** is presented by Westown Association, The Shamrock Club of Wisconsin and **Killian's Irish Stout**.

Pirates at Milwaukee Public Museum

Ahoy, Mateys! The Jolly Roger is flying over MPM through May 27, 2013, as the Museum's special exhibit halls have been taken over by Real Pirates. Experience the Golden Age of Piracy aboard the Whydah, one of the most successful pirate ships of her day, and learn about her roots as a slave ship and subsequent takeover and conversion into a pirate ship in the early 1700s.

Organized by National Geographic and Arts and Exhibitions International, Real Pirates examines the history of rich Caribbean trade routes during the 18th century and the link between the slave trade and piracy. You'll encounter compelling true stories of those who lived aboard the Whydah and learn about the forces that shaped their world.

BVHS Emergence of 3 Communities

Join your neighbors and the Bay View Historical Society, and learn about the history of our communities. Lecturer Ron Winkler will be giving a presentation at the St. Francis Public Library on March 21st at 6:30pm.

The St. Francis Public Library is located at 4230 S Nicholson Ave.

Music Under Glass

Join us at the Milwaukee County Domes, in Mitchell Park, for the Music Under Glass Concert Series. The first two Thursdays in March, from 6:30-9 pm.

Color Rush at Milwaukee Art Museum

Color Rush: 75 Years of Color Photography in America February 22, 2013–May 19, 2013

Today color photography is so pervasive that it is hard to believe there was a time when this was not the case. This exhibition and catalogue explore the historical developments that led to color photography becoming the norm in popular culture and fine art.

This project charts—from magazine pages to gallery walls, from advertisements to photojournalism—the interconnected history of color photography in the United States from 1907 to 1981. Respectively, these years mark the introduction of the first commercially available color photographic process and the published survey that signified the widespread acceptance of contemporary art photography in color. In the intervening years, color photography captured the popular imagination through its visibility in magazines such as Life and Vogue, as well as through its accessibility on the marketplace thanks to companies such as Kodak.

With framed photographs, as well as publications, slide shows, and film clips, Color Rush: 75 Years of Color Photography in America promises to be a multi-faceted and engaging experience for general audiences and photography specialists alike.

BVHS Open House

Come learn more about Bay View History at the Beulah Brinton House. The open house, organized by the Bay View Historical Society, is on Saturday, March 16th between 1 and 4 pm. The Beulah Brinton House is located at 2590 S Superior St.